SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : How many Members are still there to speak?

MR. CHAIRMAN : There are more than ten Members.

Now, the hon. Members shall allow the House to continue. Let us take the next item of Business.

Now, Matters under Rule 377.

Shri Prabhu Dayal Katheria.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD (Fatehpur) : Sir, I am on point of order. There is no quarum in the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The bell is being rung.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now there is quorum.

14.06 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to develop Bateshwar near Agra as a tourist resort

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, there is Bateshawar Mela about 62 k.m. from Agra. This fair is organised once a year. The devotees from all over the country come here. The 101 temples on the banks of Yamuna are very important from the tourism point of view. The Government of India had sanctioned about 40 lakh rupees in the year 1993. The hon'ble Minister of Tourism had declared Bateshwar as place of tourist importance. No progress has been made in this regard so far.

Therefore, the Union Government is requested that early action may be take to develop Bateshwar as a tourist centre.

(ii) Need to provide more railway facilities at Jalesar road railway station, U.P.

PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' (Jalesar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the railway services in my Parliamentary constituency Jalesar are acutely sparse. It is very necessary to provide halt of Magadh Express at Jalesar Road and for Marudhar Express and Jodhpur - Howada Express at Ferozabad. The halt of these trains and introducing EMU Passenger train from Delhi to Tundala would benefit, lakhs of people of this area and there would be development of trade, agriculture and tourism etc.

Sir, through you, I request the Minister of Railways to solve these problems.

(iii) Need to set up a Groundnut Research Centre at Churu in Rajasthan

SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA (Churu) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Agriculture towards my Parliamentary Constituency Churu district in Rajasthan and submit that a large quantity of groundnut is produced in Churu district which has comparatively thick grain and upto 20 quintal groundnut is produced in one Bigha, but due to lack of adequate and proper marketing facilities, the farmers of my constituency are compelled to sell their produce to the middlemen and traders at low prices.

I request the Minister of Agriculture that arrangements should be made for procurement of groundnut through Central Agencies in Churu district. Arrangement for export of groundnut be made and efforts should be made to increase its consumption in the country and its use in food for removing the difficulties of the farmers and for the progress of the farmers. Agriculture extension service may be made available for developing improved variety of groundnut and increasing the yield. Special subsidy should be made available to the farmes for meeting the basic needs such as purchase of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and agriculture implements so that the production of groundnut may be increased in Rajasthan and the farmers may be benefited.

(iv) Need to introduce a new Train/DMU between Rourkel and Sambalpur in Orissa

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, Rourkela and Sambalpur are two premier towns in Orissa coming within the same northern revenue divisions of the State. But this important industrial sector is not properly served by the Railways. Due to want of required number of trains, large number of passengers are subjected to a great deal of inconvenience. Although the minimum demand for the introduction of another passenger train/DMU originating from Rourkela in the morning and returning from Sambalpur in the evening was acknowledged by the divisional and zonal authorities, it is a matter of regret that the same has not